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1. A train carrying an undetermined number of trucks, caterpillar tractors and guns of about 120 mm caliber                      went from Wildpark to Altengrabow on 3 September 1950.

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2. A tank shuttle-train of 4 boxcars and 13 flatcars went from Satz-korn to Brandenburg/Altstadt on 5 September 1950. (2)

3. A train of 9 boxcars and 46 flatcars                      went from Wildpark to Altengrabow on 6 September 1950. (1)

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4. On 6 September 1950 a train of 12 boxcars and 43 flatcars carrying guns of about 150 mm caliber, caterpillar tractors and trucks, left Wildpark for Altengrabow. Motor vehicle

                     were seen. (1)

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5. On 6 September 1950 a train of 6 boxcars and 22 flatcars                      carrying an undetermined number of 150-mm guns and trucks                      arrived in Wildpark from Altengrabow. It was redispached to Potsdam because the loading facilities in Wildpark were needed for loading troops. (3)

6. A train                      carrying an undetermined number of trucks                      went from Wildpark to Altengrabow on 7 September 1950. (1)

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7. On 6 September 1950 an artillery shipment, including six prime movers with guns, three prime movers with trailers carrying equipment, five trucks and soldiers in nine boxcars, was unloaded at the Potsdam freight yard. Trucks

                     and prime movers    were seen. (3)

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8. No troop trains passed through Rathenow between 7 September and 13 September 1950.

9. Two radio trucks, coming from Weimar, were unloaded at the Rathenow railroad station on 13 September 1950.

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10. On 17 September 1950 the Cottbus railroad car repair shop was ordered to convert 200 boxcars, i.e. four trains, for the transportation of troops. The trains were officially referred to as "demobilization trains". (5)

11. On 26 September 1950 an undetermined number of tank trucks [REDACTED] were unloaded at the Wittenberg railroad station. Seven railroad tank cars containing fuel for the Flak Kaserne and the Reseler Kaserne arrived there on the same day. (6)

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Comments.

(1) Movement of artillery units of the unidentified Arty Div of the GOFB in Potsdam from Wildpark to Altengrabow. Most of the artillery units of the artillery division stationed in Potsdam probably moved to Altengrabow in early September 1950 for exercises at division level.

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(2) The train probably carried a component unit of the 10th Gds Tank Div.

(3) Some units which returned from Altengrabow apparently did not return to their Wildpark quarters but moved to the Delius Kaserne, Potsdam, to continue their training at Bornstedter Feld while the units from the Delius Kaserne were away.

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(4)

(5)

The troop trains may have been earmarked for evacuating soldiers due for demobilization or for hauling recruits from the U.S.S.R. [REDACTED] in the spring of 1950 the various regional railroad headquarters had to prepare and store interior fittings for 7,000 boxcars. The quota of the Cottbus regional railroad headquarters was about 6 percent, i.e. 420 to 450 boxcars.

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(6) A fuel shipment in tank cars also arrived for the barracks of the Cottbus post between 26 August and 10 September 1950.

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